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- 1. GROUP OF 77 PLANNING INTRODUCE PAPER MAY 30 AM PLENARY WHICH ESSENTIALLY READS AS GROUP OF 77 GENEVA TDB POSITION. COPY MISFAXED STATE: IO FROM TANK TO MCDONALD. IN ADDITION TO TEXT AS CONTAINED IN TD/ B/440, ANNEX 1 A, DOCUMENT INCLUDES RESOLUTION FROM SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE WITH RECOMMENDED REVISIONS OF PARAS 60, 61 AND 63 OF STRATEGY.
- 2. DOCUMENT CONTAINS RECOMMENDATION FOR ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH FOR POLICY MEASURES SECTION OF STRATEGY TO READ: "EFFECTIVE ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE MADE SO THAT THE PROBLEMS IN THE MONETARY, TRADE, AND FINANCE SPHERES ARE RESOLVED IN A CO-ORDINATED MANNER, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THEIR INTERDEPENDENCE, WITH THE FULL PARTICIPATION OF UNCLASSIFIED

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DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

3. ALSO CONTAINS NEW SECTION AT END OF STATEMENT ON DISARMAMENT WHICH READS: "THE REDUCTION OF ARMAMENT

EXPENDITURES BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SHOULD PRODUCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE STRATEGY, SUBSTANTIAL ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OVER AND ABOVE THE AGREED TARGETS ON FINANCIAL TRANSFERS TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

- 4. NEW SECTION ON DEBT PROBLEMS READS: "THE CURRENT DEBT SITUATION OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MUST BE URGENTLY SOLVED ON THE BASIS OF AGREED GUIDELINES AND KEEPING IN MIND THE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES CONCERNED."
- 5. NEW INTRODUCTION TO DOCUMENT HAS BEEN WRITTEN. TEXT FOLLOWS:
- " 1. IT WAS IMPLICIT IN THE VERY CONCEPT OF A BIENNIAL REVIEW, ACCEPTED IN 1970, THAT SUCH A REVIEW WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A BROAD APPRAISAL OF PAST PERFORMANCE AND TO DRAW THEREFROM IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE. THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST TWO YEARS IS INSUFFICIENT TO ENABLE A FULL, FACTUAL AND COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRESS MADE AND SHORTFALLS ENCOUNTERED, OR TO DEFINE NEW GOALS WHICH COULD CALL INTO QUESTION THE ONES ALREADY EMBODIED IN THE IDS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE CHANGES IN QUALITATIVE PERCEPTION AND THE SUGGESTIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF THE PRESENT INDICATORS DO NOT JUSTIFY THE ABANDONMENT OF EFFORTS TO EVALUATE QUANTITATIVELY WHEREVER POSSIBLE. IN ANY CASE THE TASK OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL IS NOT TO ANALYSE ISOLATED EXAMPLES OF PROGRESS OR TO STUDY CERTAIN INDICATORS, BUT TO ASSESS PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING INTEGRATED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. FOR IT IS APPARENT FROM THE GENERAL TRENDS THAT THE EXPERIENCE OF THE PAST TWO YEARS. THOUGH LIMITED. IS DISCOURAGING.
- "2. SINCE 1970, THE WORLD ECONOMY HAS EXPERIENCED A SERIES OF CRISES WHICH HAVE HAD SEVERE UNCLASSIFIED

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REPERCUSSIONS ON THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. MOREOVER, SIGNIFICANT CHANGES HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES. AT THE SAME TIME, THE INTERNATINAL COMMUNITY HAS BECOME VISIBLY MORE IMPRESSED WITH THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF ITS COMMON PROBLEMS AND, IN PARTICULAR, WITH THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF PROBLEMS WHICH, IN THE PAST, EVEN WHEN CONSIDERED, WERE ADDRESSED SEPARATELY. THE CHANGES IN THE RELATIONSHIP AMONG DEVELOPED COUNTRIES PROVIDE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVISING NEW FORMS OF INTERNATIO UNCLASSIFIED

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- "4. IN SPITE OF THE SIGNIFICANT OVERALL EFFORTS
 MADE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, THEIR AVERAGE RATE OF
 ECONOMIC GROWTH ACTUALLY SHOWED A DECLINE. THIS AVERAGE,
 FURTHERMORE, CONCEALS THE WIDE DISPARITIES IN THE RATES
 OF GROWTH ACHIEVED BY VARIOUS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
 MOREOVER, CONTRARY TO THE AIM OF REDUCING THE GAP BETWEEN
 DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES STIPULATED IN THE
 STRATEGY, THE RELATIVE SHARE OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
 IN WORLD PRODUCTION AND TRADE CONTINUED TO DECLINE
 SINCE 1970.
- "5. THE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVE MUST BE RETURNED TO A CENTRAL PLACE IN THE CONSTELLATION OF GREAT ISSUES TO WHICH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SHOULD URGENTLY SEEK EFFECTIVE AND CONSISTENT SOLUTIONS. THERE IS THEREFORE A STRONG CASE FOR MOVING DEVELOPMENT BACK TOWARDS THE CENTRE OF THE GLOBAL AGENDA.
- "6. PART OF THE EXPLANATION FOR THE STALEMATE IS POLITICAL. THE VERY DETENTE WHICH SHOULD CREATE UNCLASSIFIED

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GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT HAS APPARENTLY HAD - AT ANY RATE TEMPORARILY - THE OPPOSITE EFFECT.

AS THE GREAT POWERS BECOME MORE ENGAGED IN ACHIEVING ACCOMMODATION AMONG THEMSELVES, THEIR ATTENTION TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO SLACKEN.

MOREOVER, DESPITE THE DETENTE MANY PARTS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD ARE STILL SUBJECTED TO COLONIALISM, RACIAL DISCRI-

MINATION, APARTHEID, AND FOREIGN OCCUPATION WITH HARMFUL EFFECTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS OF THE PEOPLES AND COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

- "7. URGENT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN TO IMPLEMENT
 THE POLICY MEASURES EMBODIED IN THE STRATEGY WHICH HAVE
 NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED SO FAR. TO THIS END, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DISPLAY THE NECESSARY
 POLITICAL WILL TO ACCORD HIGH PRIORITY TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE MEASURES.
- "8. THE CENTRAL PURPOSE REMAINS TO DIMINISH THE GROSS INEQUALITIES IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SOCIAL WELFARE THAT HAVE WIDENED AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD AND TO ATTACK POVERTY, PARTICULARLY IN WAYS THAT IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS OF THE POOREST GROUPS WITHIN THE POOR COUNTRIES. SUCH WAS THE SPIRIT OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY THAT THE MEMBER STATES OF THE UNITED NATIONS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY IN 1970, AND THIS IS ALSO THE SPIRIT THAT SHOULD ORIENT ITS FIRST REVIEW AND APPRAISAL.
- "9. THERE ARE VERY SUBSTANTIAL COMPLEMENTARITIES AMONG THE MAJOR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE IDS.
 THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR IS CURRENTLY REASON FOR GREAT CONCERN AMONG DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. THE TRANSFORMATORY ROLE OF INDUSTRY ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORT AND OTHER SECTORS AS WELL AS ITS IMPACT ON THE ABSORPTION OF THE GROWING LABOUR FORCE HAS GENERALLY BEEN SMALL. THERE IS, THUS, A CLEAR NEED FOR FOSTERING INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION AT A FASTER RATE AND FOR STRENGTHENING ITS LINKAGES WITH OTHER SECTORS, PARTICULARLY WITH THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

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- "10. THERE IS NO REASON WHY DEVELOPMENT
 CANNOT INCLUDE A MULTIPLICITY OF OBJECTIVE AND PROGRAMMES
 FOR IMPROVING OUTPUT, EMPLOYMENT, INCOME DISTRIBUTION,
 EDUCATION, HEALTH AND NUTRITION. FURTHERMORE, IT
 IS ENTIRELY ARTIFICIAL TO SEPARATE THE INDIVIDUAL AS
 PRODUCER AND AS CONSUMER AND TO IMPLY THAT THE PRODUCER
 CAN CREATE VALUES INDEPENDENTLY OF THE NEEDS AND CHOICES
 OF THE CONSUMER. THEREFORE, THE SOCIAL DIMENSIONS OF
 DEVELOPMENT ARE IN FACT BOTH A RESULT OF, AND AN
 ACCELERATOR FOR. HIGHER GROWTH RATES.
- "11. AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OUTLINED ABOVE, THE FIRST EXERCISE OF REVIEW AND APPRAISAL SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN ON THE BASIS OF A GENERAL EVALUATION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES AND THE POLICY MEASURES IN THIS REGARD TAKEN UP TO NOW, IN THE

LIGHT OF THE EFFORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE PERFORMANCE OF DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. THIS EXERCISE SHOULD NECESSARILY LEAD TO FURTHER DEFINING THE POLICY MEASURES NEEDED TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THE IDS." SCALI

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